



Week 2 - God Shows Me the Best Way

Lesson Overview:

Bible Story: Two Paths (Psalm 1:1-3 and Proverbs 3:5-6)

Lesson two is filled with joyful movement, exciting stories, and creative crafts as we discover how following God's path makes us strong and happy, just like a healthy tree beside a river. The little ones will love acting out the stories and making their own "strong trees."

Today's Point: God shows me the best way.

Video Bible Stories:

▶ Psalm 1 for Kids – The Secret to a Blessed Life | Animated Bible Stor...

January Songs:

▶ Give All Your Worries to God (1 Peter 5:7) | HLA Athens VBS | Group ...
▶ Won't Worry 'Bout A Thing | Shipwrecked VBS | Group Publishing

Arrival and Guided Play (5-10 minutes)

As children arrive, warmly welcome them and invite them to the play area. Use toys and activities that relate to the main idea of following God's best way.

Suggested Toys & Talking Points:

- Toy Road/Pathway Set - Let's build two roads—a straight one and a winding one. Which one looks easier to walk on? God shows us the best way to go!
- Building Blocks - Let's build a strong tree, like the ones in our story today. God helps us grow strong when we follow His way!
- Toy Animals - Let's help these animals find the best path to the food. God helps us make good choices too!
- Play Kitchen/Food Sets - Let's prepare a good meal. Choosing healthy foods is like choosing God's way—it's always the best!
- Wooden People Figures/Dolls - These people are deciding which way to go. Let's help them find the right path. God shows us the best way to live!

Schedule:

Warm Up Question (3 min.):

Where would you like to go for a walk?

Review Classroom Rules (3 min.)

Review giving and collect offerings (2 min.)

Review point and Key verse: (5 min.)

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Memory Verse: Proverbs 4:26 (NLT) Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path.

Transition to Game Time - Let's clap our hands and march to our circle for a fun game about God's way!

Group Games (5 minutes) Follow the Leader

SETUP: Designate an open area where children can move around safely.

TEACHER: Friends, we're going to play a fun game called Follow the Leader! In this game, one person will be the leader, and everyone else will follow and copy what the leader does.

- Let's think about how this game can remind us of our Bible story today. Just like we follow the leader in the game, we can follow God in our lives. God always shows us the best way to live, and when we follow Him, good things happen!
- I'll be the leader first. Watch me closely and copy what I do! (Begin with simple actions like clapping, marching, spinning, or pretending to pick fruit from a tree.)
- After a few turns, let's pick another leader. Who wants to try? (Allow children to take turns being the leader and encourage everyone to follow.)

Transition to Song Time - Great job, everyone! Just like in the game, when we follow God, He shows us the best way to live. Now, let's tiptoe like quiet little leaders to the singing area to learn a song about God's love!

Song Time (6 minutes)

Transition to Bible Story Time - Great singing, everyone! Let's use our quiet voices and tiptoe to the story area so we can hear about how God shows me the best way.

Bible Story (10 minutes) Two Paths

Show Story Video

Bible Reference: Psalm 1:1-3 and Proverbs 3:5-6

Today's Point: God shows me the best way.

TEACHER: (Teacher holds up a Bible or prop.) Today, we are going to hear a very special story from the Bible about two paths and how God shows me the best way. Let's all sit crisscross applesauce and put on our listening ears! (Cup hands around ears dramatically.)

God wants to help us make good choices that will make our lives better. The Bible tells us about two different paths. One path was straight and smooth.

- Let's all make a straight path with our arms! (Stretch arms out straight in front of you.) This path leads to good things, like happiness, love, and being close to God. Let's say, "God Shows Me the Best Way!" (Encourage children to repeat.)

But the other path was winding and bumpy.

- Let's make a curvy path with our arms! (Wave arms in a winding motion.) This path leads to trouble, sadness, and feeling far from God. Which path do you think we should choose? (Pause for responses.)

That's right—the straight path! God shows us the best way to go, and it makes us strong and happy. (Teacher holds up the picture of the strong tree.)

The Bible says when we follow God's way, we are like a strong tree by a river.

- Let's stretch our arms up high like a strong tree! (Pause for children to do the action.)

Trees near water grow strong because they have everything they need. When we follow God's way, He gives us everything we need too. (Teacher holds up a picture of the two paths.)

God tells us to trust Him and follow His way by making better choices. Even if we don't make the best choice, Jesus loves us and wants to help us. God loves you and will help you get back to the good path. Jesus is our friend and will always come to help us! (Teacher holds up a picture of Jesus with the children.)

- Let's all say, "God shows us the best way to live!" (Encourage children to repeat.) Every time we listen to God and make good choices, we are on the good path.

Review the ABC's of Salvation

GOSPEL CONNECTION: No matter how hard we try to make good choices, we sometimes step off the path. Following Jesus isn't just about making good choices. It's about trusting Him because He has already done everything we need by dying for us on the cross. We don't earn our way to heaven by good behavior; we get there because Jesus loves us so much, and He made a way for us. But even as followers of Jesus, he gives us the responsibility to follow his ways. Let's trust Him and follow where Jesus leads. That's how we truly follow God's path and make every year the **BEST YEAR EVER!**

Review Bible verse and close lesson time with prayer.

Ask the students if they have any prayer requests.

Transition to Craft Time -Let's march like strong trees to the craft table so we can make something special to remind us about God's way.

Craft (10 minutes) Tree by the River

SAFETY NOTE: Always supervise use of scissors and small items.

Pre-cut materials for younger children if needed.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Glue sticks
- Green tissue paper (pre-cut into small squares)
- Brown construction paper (cut into strips for tree trunks)
- Blue construction paper (1 sheet per child)
- Optional: Crayons for additional decoration

TEACHER: Let's make a tree by a river to remind us of our Bible story.

The Bible says when we follow God's way, we are like a strong tree by the river.

(Pass out the blue construction paper.) This blue paper is our river. What do you think rivers do for trees? That's right—they give trees water to grow strong!

(Hand out brown paper strips.) Now, take this brown paper strip and glue it onto your blue paper. This will be the trunk of your tree. Good job making strong trunks!

(Hand out green tissue paper squares.) Next, we'll make leaves for the tree. Take these green squares, crumple them up a little, and glue them onto the top of your tree trunk. You can make as many leaves as you want! Look at these beautiful trees! Just like trees grow strong by the river, we grow strong when we follow God's way. Let's say it together: "God shows us the best way to live!"



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Bible Story: "The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked & Trust in the Lord" - Psalm 1:1-3 and Proverbs 3:5-6

Memory Verse: Proverbs 4:26 (NLT) Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path.

Today's Point: I can find a better life by following God's path.

- What are some choices you make every day?
- Can you think of a time you chose God's path? What happened?
- How can we know which path is right when we have a decision to make? What are some signs or clues that might help us?

